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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on January 29, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

First, the abstract has not been provided on a separate sheet as required.

Second, the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 1, line 8 has not been addressed.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Tuesday through Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

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